



**Office of the Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial)
Forest, Environment and Wildlife Management Department
Namchi, South Division.**

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SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Name of proposed project: **Proposal for diversion of 8.052 Ha of Forest and for widening / construction of 2 lane road from Tarku – Damthang – Namchi in South Sikkim by Roads & Bridges Department, Govt. Of Sikkim.**

1. Legal Status of forest land proposed for diversion:
Reserve Forest/Khasmal/Gaucharan

Item wise break up details of the forest land proposed for diversion:

Sl. No	Components	Status	Area (Ha)
1	Road Construction	Reserve Forest	4.583 Ha
2		Khasmal/ Gauchara	0.579 Ha
3	Muck Dumping	Reserve Forest	2.890

2. Total Cost of the project at present rate:

Rs. 166.27 Crore (Say One Hundred and Sixty Six Crore only)

3. Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view?

The forest area proposed for diversion does not form a habitat of rare, endangered and threatened species of flora and fauna.

4. Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from the boundary of forest.

It varies averaging up to 100 metres and above.

5. Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna in the area if so details thereof

Not reported from the area.



6. Whether any protected archaeological / heritage site / defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.

There is no protected archaeological / heritage sites in the periphery of the proposed project site.

7. Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by user agency in col. 2 of Part – I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommend area item wise with details of alternatives examined.

Requirement of forest land for the purpose is unavoidable and barest minimum and every care and all other alternative considered and found that this requirement of forest land for the purpose is unavoidable and barest minimum with less no of trees to be felled.

8. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out.

No

9. Vegetation:-

The area identified for the project is a stable land comprising of species like *Albizziaprocera*, *Schimawallichi*, *Machilus spp.* etc. Necessary care during and after the completion of the project shall be taken up to protect and conserve the bio-diversity of the area. Maximum effort shall be made to minimise the felling of existing trees. Dwarf species of trees shall be planted along the corridor.

10. Configuration of land:

The area proposed for diversion of 8.052 Ha for widening / construction of 2 lane road from Tarku – Damthang – Namchi in South Sikkim is stable land. The muck generated and earth excavated will be dumped at the specified muck dumping sites and depressed locations as approved by the department without causing any damage to the surrounding areas.

11. Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem.

The removal of trees shall not have much impact on eco-system as the same shall be mitigated by planting ten times more than the tree felled. Every care will be taken up for restoration of loss of vegetation and other related ecosystem of the area.

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